

**BOARD OF PAROLE HEARINGS
Correctional Rehabilitation Programs Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, December 11, 2012**

Meeting called to order at 1:35 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Roll Call: Commissioners Figueroa, Labahn, Peck, Singh, and Montes (Chairperson) present.

**Comments and Clarification Regarding Correctional Rehabilitation Programs Committee
Advisory Meeting Minutes: September 18, 2012**

Comm. LABAHN moved to approve the minutes which Comm. PECK seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Report from Executive Officer Jennifer Shaffer: None

Report from Chief Counsel Howard Moseley

Senior Staff Attorney KATIE RILEY distributed a document outlining the committee's goals, as discussed at the September 18, 2012, meeting.

PRESENTATION

CDCR Deputy Director of Rehabilitative Programs, TANYA ROTHCHILD, described the department's enhanced focus on rehabilitative programs for lifers. Inmates will be clustered at 13 institutions during the year prior to their release. They may participate in academic, vocational, cognitive therapy, anger management, employment and transitional programming. The hubs will open in the summer of 2013. The Substance Abuse Treatment Program lasts 5 months and is available within 24 months of an inmate's release date. The department will ask incarcerated and released inmates for feedback. Academic opportunities have been increased by approximately 5,000 inmates. The department is working on programs dealing with gang management, is identifying cognitive programs that would be helpful in the step-down process, and is evaluating sex offender programs.

Comm. LABAHN asked Deputy Director ROTHCHILD whether inmates who have an immigration hold may participate in the Substance Abuse Program. Deputy Director ROTHCHILD replied that they would like to offer programs to everyone who has a need, but currently inmates who have an Immigration and Customs Enforcement hold are not on priority placement lists.

Comm. MONTES expressed concern about waiting lists for the Substance Abuse Program, stating that some inmates have complained about being on the waiting list for two years. Deputy Director ROTHCHILD said that she would look into it, but believed that the department can accommodate 70% of inmates prior to their release.

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Comm. MONTES asked how many inmates will be involved in the program. Deputy Director ROTHCHILD said that the number is not known at present, since the program is still in its development phase.

Public Comments

GAIL BROWN of Life Support Alliance stated that inmates are frustrated when programs are not available.

VANESSA NELSON-SLOAN of Life Support Alliance stated that inmates should be able to participate in the Substance Abuse Program sooner than 24 months before their release and that life term inmates with immigration holds are disadvantaged at hearings if they not able to participate in the program.

Comm. MONTES thanked Deputy Director ROTHCHILD for the presentation.

OPEN COMMENTS

Agenda Items for Future Meetings: None

Public Comments

VANESSA NELSON-SLOAN of Life Support Alliance stated that it would be beneficial if there were open training sessions on risk assessments and the use of confidential information in the future. Chief Counsel MOSELEY acknowledged the request and noted that there is an open session training presentation on risk assessments to be held Thursday.

Meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.